

**Children's Environmental Health Public Forum**  
**Paso Del Norte Heavy Metal Exposure**  
Saturday, February 2, 2002

**LOCATION:** Tomas Rivera Conference Center  
University of Texas at El Paso  
Union Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Entrance University Drive

**PURPOSE:** The Children's Environmental Health Institute and the El Paso County Medical Society are pleased to host a public forum for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Raise Awareness Of Childhood Effects Of Heavy Metal Exposure.
- Identify Community Concerns Regarding Children's Exposure To Heavy Metals.
- Address Needed Scientific Research Of Paso Del Norte.
- Determine The Need For An Environmental Management Plan To Reduce The Burden Of Human Illness And Dysfunction From Environmental Causes In Children.

**ATTENDANCE ENCOURAGED:**

Community Members, Child Care Professionals, Neighborhood Groups, Policy-Makers and Business Leaders, Medical And Health Professionals, Scientists, Educators, and Environmental Advocacy Groups Of Paso Del Norte.

**Morning Session:**

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Welcome - Elaine M. Barron, MD, El Paso County Medical Society  
Janie D. Fields, MPA, Executive Director,  
Children's Environmental Health Institute

8:40 AM Remarks and Introduction – Fernando Guerra, MD, MPH,  
Chair, Children's Environmental Health Institute

9:00 AM Opening Address – Kenneth Olden, PhD  
Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

9:30 AM Texas Environmental Profile of the Paso Del Norte Area  
Mary Kelly, Executive Director, Texas Center For Policy Studies

9:50 AM Break

10:00 AM Panel Presentation:

Pulmonary Effects of Heavy Metals and Related Respiratory Disease  
Idelle Weissman, MD, invited, Department of Clinical Investigation,  
William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

Stanislaw Ting, MD, Allergist and Immunologist,  
Texas Tech Health Science Center

Neurotoxic Effects of Heavy Metals

Luis Acosta, MD, Neurologist

Rodolfo Fierro-Stevens, MD, Pediatric Neurologist

Cutaneous Manifestations of Heavy Metals

Michael Simpson, MD, Dermatologist

11:00 AM Audience Question and Answer Session  
Moderator, Felipa Solis, Channel 9, News Anchor

12:00 Noon Box Lunch with entertainment by the Henderson's Children Choir

Afternoon Session:

1:00 PM Children's Environmental Health, Tim Brady, DO, MPH  
The Southwest Center for Pediatric Environmental Health

1:30 PM Panel Presentation:

Total Body Effects of Ingested Heavy Metals  
John Haynes, MD, Toxicologist, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at El Paso

Developmental Delays Attributed to Heavy Metals  
Beatrice Ting, MD, Developmental Pediatrician

The Facts About Arsenic In Our Water  
Ed Archuleta, Manager of The El Paso Water Utilities

2:30 PM Audience Question and Answer Period  
Moderator, Felipa Solis, Channel 9, News Anchor

3:30 PM Closing Remarks, Children's Environmental Health Needs Of Paso Del Norte  
Kenneth Olden, PhD, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health  
Sciences

4:00 PM Adjourn